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Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the Applicant requests consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement.

Compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits in the above-identified case. No fee or certification is required.

Information Cited

The Applicant hereby makes of record in the above-identified application the information listed on the attached form PTO-1449 (modified). The order of presentation of the references should not be construed as an indication of the importance of the references.

The Applicant hereby makes the following additional information of record in the above-identified application. The Examiner's attention is hereby drawn to the attached Standard Search Report.

The applicant would like to bring to the Examiner's attention the following co-pending applications that may contain subject matter related to this application:

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REMARKS

A copy of each of the above-identified information is enclosed unless otherwise indicated on the attached form PTO-1449 (modified). It is respectfully requested that:

1. The Examiner consider completely the cited information, along with any other information, in reaching a determination concerning the patentability of the present claims;
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3. The citations for the information be printed on any patent which issues from this application.

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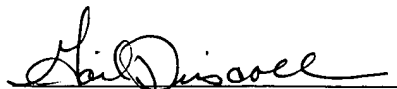
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An early and favorable action is hereby requested.

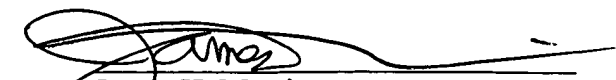
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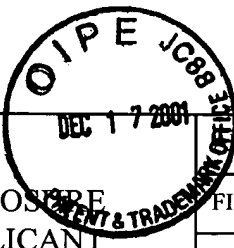


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## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner's Initials#	Cite No.	U.S. Patent Document		Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Date of Publication or of issue of Cited Document MM-DD-YY
		Number	Kind Code		
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## FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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		WO	98 09208	A	Fogelin et al.	03/05/98	
		WO	00 57587	A	Ben-Dor et al.	09/28/00	

## OTHER ART — NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS

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